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From: Director of Naval Intelligence
To: Director, Joint Intelligence Objectives Agency
Subj: German Consultants Program
Ref: (a) JIOA TS Memo 284 dtd 14 Feb 1951
(b) CRD TS ltr from Carl H. Nordstrom to the Director,
JIOA, dtd 9 Feb 1951

1. By reference (a) comments were requested from the Department of the Navy on the proposals contained in reference (b). Until now these comments have been held in abeyance, by inter-service agreement, pending a report on the situation from LCDL J. P. Merrill, USA, based upon the results of his recent European trip.
2. Since the German Consultants Program functions under authority of the Department of State, and since that agency, too, has been solicited for funds with which to carry on the program, it is considered that Department of Defense funds should not be made available as requested.
3. The request in paragraph 4 of reference (b), concerning indirect intelligence activities to be established within the framework of the Scientific Research Division of the Military Security Board, is believed beyond the purview of the Military Establishment either to approve or disapprove, since requests of this nature must be resolved by the intelligence agency appropriately concerned. In this particular instance, only the Department of State is considered competent to render a final decision regarding intelligence functions proposed for implementation by the SRD.

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